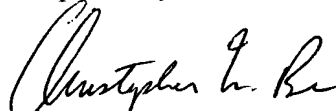


Early and favorable examination on the merits is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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